

SCHUYLERVILLE UMC
Welcomes You to Worship



March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent
Pastor Nancy L. Russell

+ Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

*Welcome to a prayerful season of Lent,
a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal!*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

INTROIT: #328 TFWS “Surely the Presence” SEATED

THE GATHERING

PASSING OF PEACE (*Share with those next to you*)
The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP (Response in bold print)

Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

MLK

We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Like Nicodemus, who met Jesus in the dark of night, we struggle to accept that new life is not just possible **Wo**

but given as a free gift of grace.

We gather to bring our struggles into the light and embrace God’s grace with open arms.

Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God’s promise of new life has always rested on grace.

We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we offer ourselves to be formed by grace.

We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow. (1)

+HYMN #98 UMH “To God Be the Glory”

+UNISON PRAYER

God of amazing compassion, lover of our wayward race, you bring to birth a pilgrim people, and call us to be a blessing for ourselves and all the world. We pray for grace to take your generous gift and step with courage on this holy path, confident in the radiant life that is your plan for us, made known and given in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (2)

Let us pray as Jesus taught: “Our Father……

LORD’S PRAYER #895 UMH

+APOSTLES CREED #881 UMH /GLORIA PATRI #71

CHILDREN’S VIDEO STORY

CHILDREN’S MOMENT with Pastor Nancy

CANDLES OF LENT CEREMONY

Liturgy – On screen

JOYS / PRAYER CONCERNS (Sharing of names)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE WORD

+HYMN #384 UMH “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”

PRAYER FOR MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Nurturing God, we come hungering for your word. Feed our spirits on our Lenten journey that we may go forth in courage to witness to your truth. Amen. (3)

HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 121 **Reader**

GOSPEL John 3: 1-17 **Pastor**

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Trusting in God’s Merciful Grace!” **Pastor**

SILENT REFLECTION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (*On screen*)

Beloved, as we come to the Lord’s Table we bring our tithes and offerings with gratitude, and place them in the plate at the front pew. Thank you.

THE SENDING

+HYMN #389 UMH “Freely, Freely”

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE (*On screen*)

“Go Now in Peace”

+POSTLUDE

UMH- United Methodist Hymnal TFWS -The Faith We Sing

Organist: Pat Poirier Lay Leader: Stan Barber

Clergy: Pastor Nancy L. Russell

WELCOME to worship this morning, we are grateful to God that you have joined us. We extend the hand of love and friendship to all, as we join together in following Jesus daily! God bless you! We welcome all visitors and invite you to sign our guest book, and our thankful journal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Season of Non-Violence – Gandhi Foundation – Now to April 4th:

Sharing about this will take place weekly, in various ways.

Today, Feb. 22nd: 11:00am Worship followed by fellowship and snacks. The Way Board meets at 12:30ish here!

Monday, Feb. 23rd: Pastors Sabbath

Tuesday, March 3rd: 2:00pm – Study “The Walk” Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life! 6:30pm – Admin Council

Wednesday -see below – come and be blessed!

Thursday, March 5th: Men’s Life Group 7:00pm

Sunday, March 8th: Worship 11:00am and you are invited to fellowship – sharing in conversation and snacks, after worship.

COMMUNITY & CHURCH

***Ecumenical Lenten Wednesday Service: 7pm March 4th** at “Bacon Hill Reformed Church” 2026 theme “Blessed are The Meek”! 6pm to 6:45 Lenten Spiritual Discipline –Control of the Tongue.

***SCHS Drama Club presents: “Into the Woods” Friday 3/6 and Saturday 3/7 at 7pm** HS Auditorium. Let’s support our talented and great students and teachers.

UPCOMING Event

Chicken BBQ Saturday April 11th at the American Legion
Take out only. \$15. Contact Linda Campbell (QSUMC) for more info.

****Things to know about!***

***Heritage Sunday (our church) March 15th**

***200th SUMC anniversary coming April 2027!**

***SAFE Sanctuaries Training:** See flyer on bulletin board in fellowship hall, and on table in sanctuary.

*** Pastoral Care:** Contact Pastor Nancy - give her a call or make an appointment to visit or share in a time of spiritual companionship/spiritual direction always grounded in prayer!

***Upper Room-** JAN/FEB Issue is available and please bring a copy to a neighbor, friend or shut-in to encourage them!! Bless you.

***Our Church website:** schuylervilleumc.org / Weekly worship bulletin is on our website each week! Our worship service is online via face-book live.

***Keeping Connected:** UNYAC website! UM News sites.

***Adirondack/Albany Districts Newsletter;**

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Ministry/Mission

UMCOR: All donations fund this relief organization as they help in recovery efforts around the world! Donations can be made @ UNY online right to UMCOR or place you love offering in collection plate noted for UMCOR..

***Safer Food Donations:** Donation box in entryway! Thank you for your donations! Monetary gifts are great as each \$1 buys \$10 worth of food. Paper and hygiene products are always needed.

*** “THE WAY” Thrift Store:** Volunteers are needed! Contact- Tena, Sue, or Nellie for details! Hours: Fridays 1-5pm Saturdays– 9-12

***Let us keep each other in prayer! Prayer enlarges the heart!**

Prayer Shawls are available to care and comfort people.

We also have baby blankets, and pet blankets.

***Resources used:** (1)Call to Worship (adapted): Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025. (2) Unison Prayer:-Vanderbilt Divinity Library-; (3) Prayer for Ministry of the Word: written by Judy K. Brandon, on Peaceful Pebbles



Holy Communion for Lent

Invitation

Dear friends, we are going to Jerusalem with Jesus.

He is our pardon, our healing, and our peace!

We will suffer the trial with him, resisting evil.

With him, we will walk the path to life.

But come first to the table where there is food for the journey.

With hearts full of joy we come, giving thanks to God, our maker, and offering our praise!

Praise

We are right to praise you, faithful God! You answer sin with grace; you guide our wayward steps toward home.

You are mending for the broken, safety for the poor, belonging for the outcast, strength for the weak, and pardon for the sinner. You reveal your kindness in every sorrow, your mercy even in death.

All your creatures see your works; they sing your steadfast love. We too declare your wonder and grace as with angels and saints we sing:

***Holy, holy, holy...Christ died, Christ was risen, Christ will come again!**

Remembering and Giving Thanks

Now, O God, we remember Jesus. *Silence...*

He fasted and prayed; he was tempted and tried. **He relied on you for everything.**

He was obedient to you and scorned by the powers of this world.

He confounded the haughty and gave hope to the humble.

He was betrayed and deserted. He died between thieves and was buried in a borrowed grave.

You gave him new life. He lives even now, our healer and friend.

He loved us well, loved us to the end, and loves us still.

Even on the night of betrayal, he ate supper with his friends.

Pastor: Words of Institution...

Breaking Bread and Raising Cup

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come! Make all things new. Bless this bread which you have given and human hands have made. Let it become for us the bread of life.

Bless also this cup, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. Let it become for us the cup of salvation.

Bless us also who eat and drink, that in this sharing we may know the living Christ who is with us now, and to the end of the age. Nourish us by these gifts to be willing servants of your world until the kingdom comes, and every creature beholds it. We pray in the name of Jesus.....Silent Confessional Prayer

Sharing Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving: Let us give thanks!

Thank you, merciful God, for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this Holy Communion — oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of others and self, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



Second Sunday Lenten Candle Liturgy

Leader: Today is the second Sunday of the season of Lent. We have embarked on a journey of faith with each other and with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. We remember how Jesus challenged and encouraged his disciples to embrace his way of ministry and to respond to God's call with faith-filled living.

People: We give thanks for God's covenant with our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom, that we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

As we extinguish the second Lenten candle **we re-commit ourselves to follow Jesus' way** even though we know that at times we will fall short of Christ-like living.

(Extinguishing of one Lenten candle)

Leader: As we watch the smoke rise we give thanks that God's Spirit is always with us, and that God forgives and encourages us to strive to live in

right relationship with ourselves, others and God. Knowing ourselves to be people of promise and blessing, we pray to you, O God:

Everyone: God of promise and blessing, we give thanks that we do not travel alone on this journey of faith. We are grateful for the wisdom of our ancestors in faith and for the wisdom and witness of our community of faith today. Guide our steps that we may follow Jesus and seek to emulate his ministry of compassionate service. Encourage us when we face challenges and feel discouraged. Remind us of your constant presence as we walk together, this day and in the days to come. Amen

Adapted from a liturgy by a UC Church online